

21st Century Scholars Program

For almost 40 years, the state of Indiana has been offering assistance to college-bound students through various grants and scholarships. One of the most exciting programs that the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI) currently offers is called the **21st Century Scholars Program**, which is geared toward seventh and eighth graders who have the potential but not the funds to attend college in Indiana.

The 21st Century program gives Scholars full-tuition awards to Indiana's public colleges or universities, or comparable awards to private in-state institutions for up to eight semesters. Scholars may defer their Scholarships for up to two years to pursue the military or other obligations. I have highlighted eligibility and enrollment information below.

This program has helped to make higher education available to many students who would otherwise not have a chance to pursue college opportunities. If students have any questions, they should be sure to see their school's guidance counselor, or call my legislative office at 800-382-9842. Students must enroll by June 30 of either their seventh or eighth grade year.



Eligibility

To be an eligible 21st Century Scholar, a student must:

- ▶ Be an Indiana resident
- ▶ Be enrolled in the seventh or eighth grade at an accredited Indiana school, and
- ▶ Either meet the income guidelines listed below, or be a ward of the state.

Household Size	Maximum Income
2	\$22,422
3	\$28,231
4	\$34,010
5	\$39,849
6	\$45,658
For each additional person, add:	\$5,809

Application

As part of the application for the 21st Century Program, Scholars sign a Pledge of good citizenship and responsible behavior, which requires a commitment to their academic work. The Pledge requires the Scholar to:

- ▶ Remain alcohol, drug and crime free,
- ▶ Graduate from an Indiana high school with at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and
- ▶ Apply for state and federal college financial aid by submitting his/her completed FAFSA in time for it to be received by March 10 of his/her senior year.

To request an application, students can visit their school guidance counselors, or call toll-free: **1-800-992-2076**.

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